

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

MM Docket No. 88-511

In the Matter of

Review of the Methods for Calculating
Nighttime Protection for Stations
In the AM Broadcasting Service

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER
(Proceeding Terminated)

Adopted: August 3, 1990; Released: August 16, 1990

By the Chief, Mass Media Bureau:

1. On October 13, 1988 the Commission adopted a *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*¹ ("Notice") in this docket that proposed to revise the procedure for calculating the nighttime protection levels afforded stations in the AM broadcasting service. The Commission proposed to modify the rules which relate to the calculation of nighttime RSS (root-sum-square) skywave interference levels. Consideration was also given to including adjacent channel skywave signals in such calculations.

2. Since the release of the *Notice*, the Commission has held an *en banc* hearing on ways to revitalize the AM service. Subsequently, the Commission adopted a *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*² in MM Docket No. 87-267, which sets forth a comprehensive strategy to restore the AM service. Since the proposals given in the *Notice* in the above-captioned matter are closely related to proposals made in the MM Docket No. 87-267 *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, the Commission instructed the staff to incorporate the record developed in MM Docket No. 88-511 into MM Docket No. 87-267 and to terminate the former.

3. Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to the staff by the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* in MM Docket No. 87-267, para. 25, MM Docket No. 88-511 IS TERMINATED.

4. For further information concerning this proceeding, contact Steven D. Selwyn, Mass Media Bureau. (202) 632-9660.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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FOOTNOTES

¹ See *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, MM Docket No. 88-511, 3 FCC Rcd 6448 (1988), summarized at 53 FR 47235, November 22, 1988.

² See *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, MM Docket No. 87-267, FCC 90-136, adopted April 12, 1990.